(xi) Turner International will be allowed 4 minutes an hour of the advertising time on its programming relayed terrestrially on DD-1, DD-2 and DD-3.

(xii) Doordarshan and Turner International will not exercise any editorial control on each others programming on the satellite channel. However, all programmes will conform to Doordarshan's broadcast and advertisement code.

(xiii) Doordarshan and Turner International will provide to each other news, information stories and footage from each others programming. Turner will pay the requisite delivery charges to Doordarshan for this purpose. There will be no such corresponding obligation on Doordarshan.

(xiv) Turner International will provide on a fee basis to Doordarshan assistance in its international news gathering operations outside India.

Schemes for Weavers in Andhra Pradesh

164. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new Schemes have been finalised for weavers in Andhra Pradesh for 1995-96;

(b) whether Government have consulted the State Government in finalishing such a Plan for weavers; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to assist the weavers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Schemes of handloom sector are Generally not State specific. All State Governments and Union Territories are eligible for assistance under these Schemes. During 1995-96, the Hank Yarn Price Subsidy Scheme has been continued and the scope of Mill Gate Price Scheme enlarged in order to ensure better availability of hank yarn to weavers in all States including Andhra Pradesh. A Scheme has also been announced during the current year to assist the weavers in marketing of their products through Regional & District level fairs, festival and sacred baths. The rates of Market Development Assistance in respect of Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies have also been suitably stepped up w.e.f. 1.4.1995. The weavers of Andhra Pradesh can avail assistance under the above Schemes.

(c) Central assistance is released on the basis of proposal received from the State Governments. Central assistance has progressively increased to Andhra Pradesh over the years. A sum of Rs. 21.78 crores was released to Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93; Rs. 30.63 crores during 1993-94 and Rs. 32.44 crores during 1994-95. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been advised to send adequate number of Project Proposals for Central assistance under various Schemes during 1995-96.

Classifying Licence Fee Payable to DOT as "Deductible Income" under I.T. Act

165. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from prospective licences for Basic Telephone services for classifying the licence fee payable to D.O.T. as "deductible income" under the Income Tax Act;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals;

(c) the potential loss of revenue during the licence period of 15 years;

(d) the view taken by Government on granting such concessions; and

(e) the practice followed by countries like USA and Britain in treating of such lincence fees under their respective Income Tax Laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a)

to (d) The issue whether licence fee payable to Deptt. of Telecommunication for Basic Telephone services would be eligible for deduction in the computation of taxable income has been examined. Prima facie, such outlays will not qualify for deduction. It would be premature at this stage to give the possible revenue effect.

(e) In countries such as USA and Britain, the distinction between revenue expenditure and capital expenditure exists as in India.

Comprehensive Plan to Develop Tourism

166. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive plan to develop tourism sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the amount to be spent thereon State wise;

(c) whether any foreign and domestic private assistance is also being sought for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Toruism has formulated a National Action Plan to develop tourism during the VIIIth Five Year Plan.

(b) Central financial assistance sanctioned for development of tourism in the States/UTs is shown in the enclosed statement (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India and the State Govts. have been encouraging foreign and domestic private investment in the tourism sector by announcing various concessions and incentives. Hotel and Tourism related industry have already been declared a high priority area for foreign investment. For the period June 1991 to March, 1995, a total of 108 foreign investment/technical collaboration projects involving an amount of Rs. 1112 crores have been approved.

Statement

Central Financial/Assistance Sanctioned and Released to the State Government/Union Territories during VIIIth Five Year Plan, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1. Andhra Pradesh	9.51	7.23	114.28	48.15	171.99	73.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh	48.27	28.00	45.40	23.50	—	—
3. Assam	78.66	37.94	78.11	28.83	52.99	27.00
4. Bihar	54.41	26.33	9.75	4.95	103.10	24.00
5. Goa	42.71	22.76	78.82	37.83	76.74	32.65
6. Gujarat	20.90	8.00	65.76	35.48	14.50	7.50
7. Haryana	104.97	49.50	226.76	44.70	173.98	45.00
8. Himachal Pradesh	111.94	44.36	369.25	125.92	297.90	100.00
9. Jammu & Kashmir	152.75	73.69	236.19	88.38	143.47	61.25
10. Karnataka	184.66	112.22	177.44	58.53	229.96	104.50
11. Kerala	150.08	46.43	97.40	26.50	287.05	113.75
12. Madhya Pradesh	39.07	13.70	30.42	7.00	—	—
13. Maharashtra	201.30	88.69	309.11	86.57	207.39	52.19